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Sounder Commuter Rail

Sumner Station Access Improvements Project

Summer 2015

Project Background

Sound Transit will improve access to Sumner Station for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. Improvements will be complete by 2021. Voters approved funding to improve access at Sounder stations in the 2008 Sound Transit 2 ballot measure.

Over 1,000 people a day ride a Sounder train or ST Express bus from the Sumner Station. About two-thirds of Sounder riders drive and park at the Sumner Station, the Red Apple lot or on city streets. Another 20 percent use bus services to access the station. Many of these riders find station access difficult because parking is full early in the commute. Traffic congestion creates delays at intersections around the station, affecting both drivers and buses.

Sound Transit is predicting a 50 percent increase in ridership by 2035 - approximately 600 new riders in Sumner alone. To help meet demand, three Sounder south line round trips will be added by 2017. Additional parking and congestion management will be required to meet this growing ridership demand. Similarly, additional bicycle and pedestrian amenities will expand non-motorized access to the station.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- New parking garage at Sumner Station with approximately 623 spaces (net increase of 505)
- Potential pedestrian access improvements within 1/4 mile of the station
- An option for a pedestrian bridge across the railroad tracks
- Potential traffic improvements in the station area
- Potential car, bike and pedestrian access improvements to the SR 410/ Traffic Avenue interchange (funding needed), in partnership with the Washington State Department of Transportation, cities of Sumner and Puyallup, and others

Area of proposed improvements:

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Project Timeline

2000-2012

- Sounder commuter rail service begins
- Sound Transit 2 funding approved (2008)
- Sounder Stations Access and Demand Study (2010 – 2012)

2013

- Leadership Working Groups comprised of Council members and Sound Transit Boardmembers identified project goals and evaluation criteria
- Multi-modal access alternatives development: received community input on improvements through development of six multi-modal access packages

2014

- Sound Transit Board identified preferred package of improvements for environmental review and preliminary design (August)

2015
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- Sumner City Council approved an L-shaped 5-level garage that is 4½ stories tall (January) for environmental review
- Environmental review and open house
- Preliminary design

2016-2018

- Final design including architectural garage design
- Right-of-way/property acquisition and permitting

2019-2021

- Construction
- Improvements complete 2021

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